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Record of the Executive Acts of the Governor of the State of Wisconsin

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Wednesday June 7th 1848

On this day

A Warrant

The Governor elect of the State of Wisconsin was duly qualified as such and entered upon the duties of their office,

and on the same day

A Warrant upon the requisition of Augustus C. Dodge Governor of the State of Illinois was issued directed "to any sheriff, or constable of the State of Wisconsin" for the arrest of Lewis Lillenthal or fugitive from the justice of said State of Illinois

Nelson Dewey

Wednesday, September 6th 1848

On this day

The Governor

granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff or Sheriff of the County of Racine in the State of Wisconsin, his warrant for the removal of Peter McNamara who was at the time of the United States Census held in the said County of Racine in the records of Colonel Hurd Commanding of the Census of Milwaukee and convicted by evidence of certain Fugitive Slaves of said County of Racine within three years imprisonment at hard labor in the State prison from date the 6th day of November 1846.

Nelson Dewey

Wednesday September 13th 1848

On this day

The Governor

issued an Proclamation for a general election to be held on the second Tuesday after the first Monday of November, being the 7th day of November for electors of State President and electors Representatives in Congress, State officers, members of the Legislature and County officers

Nelson Dewey

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Madison, State of Iowa

This 8th Day

The Governor granted

and issued his Warrant to the Sheriff of Milwaukee

in the County of Milwaukee in the State of Wisconsin, on

an unconstitutional charge of Larceny, a V. Wentworth, who was

not a bona fide resident of the Sovereign State, without being in

the County of Milwaukee in the month of November,

1844 committed of the crime of manslaughter, and sentenced by Chauncey G. Miller Judge

of said Court, to one year imprisonment in the State

Prison at hard labor, from the 29th day of November

1844 the said sentence to take effect from and

after the 2nd day of October 1845.

Nelson Dewey

Friday, November 1st 1848

This day

The Governor issued

a Proclamation appointing Thursday the 30th day of

November 1848 as a day of public thanksgiving and

prayer throughout the State.

Nelson Dewey

Madison, November 10th 1848

This Day

The Governor then

a Requisition upon the Governor of the State of Missouri

for the delivery to R. A. Austin a special agent for

Lucius Humphrey, of Joseph Palmer a fugitive from the

justice of said State. The requisition and the affidavit

in support thereof to be executed by the said agent

without any expense or charge against the state

for such service.

Nelson Dewey

Friday, Nov. 17th 1848

This day

The Governor

received the following, addressed to him, directly or indirectly

as the records of Iowa — as the act of the Legislature

authorizing the Governor to pardon persons convicted

a Term of the United States District Court held in the said County of La Fayette in the month of April 1848 convicted of the crime of assault with intent to commit a rape, and sentenced by Charles Dunn Judge of said Court to one years imprisonment in the State Prison from the 9th day of April A.D. 1848.

Nelson Dewey

Tuesday December 12th 1848

The warrant heretofore issued on the [illegible] of December 1848 for the Pardon of Patrick Walsh who was convicted of the crime of assault with intent to commit a rape, at a term of the United States District Court held in the County of La Fayette in the month of April 1848 [illegible] sentenced to one years imprisonment in the State Prison from the 9th day of April [illegible] by the order of said Court was to be executed in the State of [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] consideration of the escape of [illegible] by the Governor [illegible]

This revoked this 12th day of December 1848

Nelson Dewey

Nelson Dewey

Tuesday May 1st 1849

On this day —— The Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff or Jailor of the County of Grant in the State of Wisconsin, a Conditional pardon to Peter Reed who was at a Term of the District Court for the County of Grant [illegible] of Wisconsin held in the town of Lancaster in the month of March 1846, convicted of the crime of manslaughter and sentenced by Charles Dunn Judge of said Court to imprisonment in the state prison for the period of five years, from the thirty first day of March in the year 1846. The said Pardon conditioned as follows, viz: that the said Reed shall within five days from and after his discharge from such imprisonment depart from and leave the State of Wisconsin and never return within the limits of said State under any pretence whatever

Nelson Dewey

Extract, &c.

Nelson Dewey

Wednesday, March 28 1849

On this day the Governor laid before the Legislature an account of two Commissions issued to two persons for the detection and apprehension of persons on charges of forgery and the issuing of forged Bonds or Securities on Southern Big Creek, which occurred on or about the 18th & 19th day of June 1848 also two other Commissions issued upon the application of Messrs Hamilton & Dewey, directed to the same persons for the purpose of the forgery of Bank Notes.

Nelson Dewey

Thursday, March 29 1849

On this day the Governor granted warrants to be issued directed to every Sheriff, or Constable of other counties of Illinois, to transport the persons charged with forging, & uttering forged Bonds, & a Requisition for the Governor of the State of Illinois upon the Governor of this State, for the purpose of transporting prisoners to the State of Illinois, & also directing the Secretary to the Commissioners, the same Statement, with the accompanying papers, relating to the accusation, report & other transcripts.

Nelson Dewey

Tuesday, March 27 1849

On this day the Governor granted warrants to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Washington, & Constable of Southern Illinois, for the purpose of transporting persons charged with forgery & uttering forged Bonds or Securities on Southern Big Creek, which occurred on or about the 18th & 19th day of June 1848 also two other Commissions issued upon the application of Messrs Hamilton & Dewey, directed to the same persons for the purpose of the forgery of Bank Notes.

Nelson Dewey

On this day the Governor granted & caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County Milwaukee a Pardon for James Cunningham who was at the September Term of the Circuit Court of Sheboygan County 1848 convicted of the crime of Larceny, and sentenced to imprisonment in the jail of Milwaukee County there being no jail in Sheboygan County, for the term of one year from the 14th September 1848.

Nelson Dewey

Monday — August 18. 1849

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued, directed to the Sheriff of the County of Hondululu a Pardon for Simon Sweitzer, who was at a term of the Circuit Court of Hondululu County in the month of February 1849 convicted of the crime of Forgery and sentenced to imprisonment in the State prison for the term of five years from the 12th day of February 1849.

Nelson Dewey

Friday July 27. 1849

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Waukesha a Pardon for Augustus Lightner, unconditional, who was on the 13th day of July AD 1849 convicted before Isaac Pickerson an acting Justice of the Peace at the Village of Waukesha in said County, of the crime of Petit Larceny & thereupon sentenced by said Justice to three months in the County Gaol of said County.

Nelson Dewey

Wednesday July 4. 1849

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of Racine County an unconditional Pardon for William Raymond, who was at a Term of the Circuit Court of Racine County held in the Village of Racine on the 6th day of November 1849 convicted of the crime of Burglary and Larceny & thereupon sentenced to imprisonment in the State prison for the term of two years

Nelson Dewey

[illegible] to William [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the term of one year [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Entry Expunged
Nelson Dewey

September [illegible] 18[illegible]

On this day the Governor granted and issued [illegible] to the Sheriff [illegible] in the claim of [illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible] alias [illegible] who was charged on an Indictment [illegible] a Requisition of the Governor of New York [illegible] the Governor of this State of the crime of [illegible]. The said [illegible] to be delivered into the custody and keeping of [illegible] the accredited agent of said State of New York.

Nelson Dewey

October [illegible] 18[illegible]

On this day the Governor granted and issued his warrant directed to any Sheriff or Constable in the State of Wisconsin commanding him to arrest and deliver to a person [illegible] [illegible] Nanny who is charged by an Indictment [illegible] to a Requisition of the Governor of New York [illegible] the Gov. of this [illegible] of the Commonwealth [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Nelson Dewey

September 10th 1849

On this day the Governor granted & caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee a Commutation of the sentence of William White who was on the 13th day of April 1849 by the Circuit Court in and for the County of Milwaukee, sentenced to imprisonment in the State prison at hard labor for the space of two years which Commutation changing the expiration of said sentence to the 14th day of January 1851. And an order is also issued, since that the said prisoner William White, for reasons which appear satisfactory be removed to the County Jail of Manitowoc County, there to be confined until the expiration of the time of his sentence as above commuted.

Nelson Dewey

September 10th 1849

On this day the Governor granted & caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee a Commutation of the sentence of William White who was on the 13th day of April 1849 by the Circuit Court in and for the County of Sheboygan, sentenced to imprisonment in the State prison at hard labor for the space of four years - said commutation changing the expiration of said sentence to the 14th day of April 1851. and an order is hereby issued that the said Convicted, William White for reasons which appear satisfactory, be removed to the County Jail of Manitowoc County there to be confined until the expiration of the time of his sentence as above commuted.

Nelson Dewey

November 28. 1849

On this day the Governor granted & caused to be issued, directed to the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee an unconditional Pardon for Joseph Palmer who was at the November Term of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Milwaukee of the crime of obtaining goods by false pretences. and sentenced on the 5th day of January 1849 to one year and three months imprisonment in the State Prison - Said Pardon to take effect from and after the 1st day of December 1849

Nelson Dewey

December 3rd 1849

On this day the Governor signed a power of attorney to James Dixon & Coty one of the Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States to apply for and receive from the Treasury Department of the United States by a Warrant draft or Treasury note to be drawn payable to the order of the Governor of the State of Wisconsin the amount due this State on account of Swamp lands scrip issued by the late Territory of Wisconsin and authorized to be paid out of the United States Treasury by an act of Congress passed in August 1842. which lands and scrip were redeemed by the late Territorial Treasurer and cancelled by the Legislature.

Nelson Dewey

December 1st 1849

On this day the following Executive action was had to wit

By the authority of an act of the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin approved March 17. 1849 entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the Revised Statutes of this State" the Governor of this State is authorized and required in the name of the State of Wisconsin to subscribe for and take when finished bound and completed as by the said act provided, four thousand copies of the said Revised Statutes for the use of the State at a sum not exceeding one dollar and seventy five cents per Volume: provided however if the said Volume shall exceed seven hundred pages, the sum of twenty five cents additional per Volume for every hundred pages of excess over the above mentioned number of seven hundred pages & proportionately for a less number of excess shall be allowed. It is therefore ordered by the Governor of this State that four thousand copies of the said Volume of said Revised Statutes mentioned in said act, be and the same is hereby subscribed for on the account of and in the name of the State of Wisconsin at the sum of One dollar for seven hundred pages of such Volume & at the rate of twenty five cents additional for every hundred pages of excess over and above the said seven hundred pages as provided by the said act

By the Governor

Nelson Dewey

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] December [illegible]

[illegible] by an [illegible]

Congress passed in August A.D. 1842 [illegible]

copys were [illegible] by the said [illegible] Benton's [illegible]

and [illegible]

at [illegible] one of the late [illegible]

this State in [illegible]

Documents al. [illegible] [illegible]

are now on file [illegible] office, under which [illegible]

partially [illegible] by [illegible]

the agency of said [illegible] and upon the [illegible]

[illegible] any notes [illegible]

payable [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Nelson Dewey

January 24. 18[illegible]

On this day the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] day of December [illegible] convicted and [illegible]

[illegible] for the County of [illegible]

[illegible] one year [illegible]

[illegible] for the [illegible]

[illegible]

Nelson Dewey

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[illegible] Filed [illegible] the [illegible] granted and [illegible] to be issued to the Sheriff of the County of Racine [illegible] the 19th day of September 1849 at a term of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Racine, convicted of the Crime of Petit Larceny, and thereupon sentenced by the Judge of said Court to five years imprisonment in the State Prison - which sentence was by an order of said Court directed into execution by confining the said Brown in the jail of the County of Waukesha - there being no State Prison, and the jail of the County of Racine being unsuited to the purpose.

Milton Duerr

February 11. 1850

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued, directed to the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee, a Pardon for Patrick Keahan, who was on the 23d day of January 1850 at a term of the Police Court in and for the City of Milwaukee County of Milwaukee, and State of Wisconsin, convicted of the crime of Petit Larceny, and thereupon sentenced by the Police Justice of said Court to three months imprisonment in the jail of said County

Milton Duerr

February 15. 1850

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Racine and to all others whom it may concern a Pardon for Thomas Lemont Matthews Bellaire and Charles P. Hamilton, who were on the 3d day of April 1849 at a term of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Racine State of Wisconsin, convicted of the crime of "Burglary and Larceny with Intent" and on the 26th day of January A.D. 1850 adjudged by the Supreme Court sitting at Madison the seat of Government of said State, to have the execution of said sentence, but in abeyance, were commuted as follows to wit: Thomas Lemont Matthews to pay a fine of twenty dollars. Charles Bellaire Matthews to pay a fine of twenty five dollars to the State Board P. Hamilton be imprisoned three months in the Jail of the County of Racine

Milton Duerr

February 28. 1850

On this day the Governor granted a Pardon for John Waters and Edward Keogh who were on the 24th day of January A.D. 1850 after a trial before the Police Justice Court in and for the City of Milwaukee convicted of the crime of petit larceny and thereupon sentenced by Clinton Walworth Esquire the Justice of said Court to imprisonment for the term of three months each in the jail of the County of Milwaukee

Elbert Dewey

March 2. 1850

On this day the Governor granted a Warrant to be issued directed to any Sheriff or constable of the State of Wisconsin, a Warrant for the arrest of Jeremiah Dean and Lacetes B. Dean charged by an indictment appended to a Requisition of the Governor of the State of Indiana upon the Governor of this State of the crime of grand larceny - and that the said Jeremiah and Lacetes B. Dean be delivered into the custody and keeping of Samuel S. Morse, the accredited agent of said State of Indiana

Elbert Dewey

May 1st 1850

On this day the Governor granted a Warrant to be issued directed to any Sheriff or constable of the State of Wisconsin, a warrant for the arrest of Joseph H. Smith charged by an indictment appended to a Requisition of the Governor of the State of Indiana upon the Governor of this State of the crime of receiving stolen goods knowing the same to be stolen

Elbert Dewey

June 3rd 1850

On this day the Governor ordered a special election to be held within the County of Racine on the 3rd Monday of July next to fill a vacancy in the office of County Judge of said County occasioned by the resignation of H. H. Chatfield, Judge of said County

Elbert Dewey

[illegible] on this day the Governor presented certain Resolves to be passed relative to some Indebtedness growing out of the State Government & necessary for the relief and security of Widows, Orphans & Minors of Deceased Officers of Ohio & Michigan Volunteers, & the Resolves passed by our Legislature offered to on the Resolves of the Governor of the State of Ohio of the Resolves of Congress necessary documented on the Records of this State.

Nelson Dewey

March 2. 1840

On this day the Governor presented Virginia Resolutions of the County of Crawford, State of Wisconsin & Specials Messenger to receive direct from the State of Ohio as are recommended by the recommendation of the Winnebago Indians, & to obtain information relative to the values of their depredations, of any upon the persons or property of the citizens residing in the State Wisconsin authority to employ an Interpreter to assist him in the discharge of his duties as Special Messenger

Nelson Dewey

[illegible] 24. 1840

On this day the Governor presented certain Resolves to the Legislature, to the benefit of the Heirs of Widows & Representations of the Officers of Michigan Volunteers who died in the Service of Michigan, Ohio & upon recommendation of the Governor of Ohio, & given in favor of those Officers, & Heirs of Deceased Officers, & to be confirmed on the Rolls of Congress, & those having are entitled to be on the Rolls of Congress of Congress & receive the Pensions or Bounties which the Heirs Representatives of Deceased & having the Heirs represented by the Legislature, & to be recorded on the Records & receive to provide, & Secretary Certificate.

Nelson Dewey

[illegible] on this day the Governor issued Proclamations directed to the Sheriff of the County of Racine ordering an election to be held on the second Tuesday of the County of Racine on the second Monday of July next, & that a Voter of the County Court of said County to hold the vacancies occasioned in said offices by the resignations of A. A. Sheffield while terms of offices would expire on the first day of January A.D. 1854.

Nelson Dewey

Friday June 14. 1850

On this day the Governor signed, and caused to be published in the "Wisconsin Democrat", "Milwaukee Commercial Advertiser", "Herald" and the "Racine Gazette" a notice of the sale by the State of Wisconsin of all the interest of the State in the Milwaukee & Rock River Canal Company and the Canal and hydraulic power created on Milwaukee River, with the appurtenances granted to the State or by the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal Company or by both, on or near said River, and also the interest of this State in the said Company or its works, will be sold at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the 14th day of August A.D. 1850 at 1 o'clock P.M. under directions of the Governor of this State as provided by law.

Nelson Dewey

Saturday, June 15. 1850

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be signed, directed to the Sheriff of the County of Racine, an warrant for Michael Hennessy who was on the 23rd day of October A.D. 1849 convicted of the crime of larceny and then sentenced to imprisonment in the State Prison for the term of five years and one day from the said 23rd day of October A.D. 1849.

Nelson Dewey

June 14th 1850

Whereas the Governor gave notice of the sale of the interest of the State of Wisconsin in the Canal, Dam across Milwaukee River, and hydraulic power with their appurtenances, erected by the State, or by the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal Company, or by both or more on said River, and also the interest of the State in the said Company or its stock, as provided by law approved February 9th 1850 - Sale to take place August 14th 1850 at 10 of the Clock P.M.

Nelson Dewey

June 19. 1850

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Fond du Lac an unconditional pardon for James Porvoddy, who who was convicted at a Term of the Circuit Court held in the County of Fond du Lac on the 27th day of October A.D. 1849 of the Crime of embezzlement and thereupon sentenced to imprisonment in the County Jail for the term of one year from the said 27th day of October 1849.

and

On the same day

The Governor granted and caused to be issued, directed to the Sheriff of the County of Sheboygan an unconditional pardon for Anton Christian Geldi who was at a Term of the Circuit Court of the County of Sheboygan held at Sheboygan on the 3rd day of May A.D. 1850 convicted of the Crime of Murder and thereupon sentenced to be hung on the 12th day of July A.D. 1850

Nelson Dewey

July 2. 1850

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Winnebago an unconditional pardon for John W. Ways who was convicted at a Term of the Circuit Court held in said County on the 20th day of March A.D. 1850 of the Crime of sending threatening letters and thereupon sentenced to imprisonment in the County Jail for six months from the date of the conviction

Nelson Dewey

July 8th 1850

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee, an executedetainer hardon for John Drew who was at a Term of the Circuit Court held in Milwaukee on the 23rd day of February 1850 convicted of the Crime of theft and thereupon sentenced to imprisonment in the County Jail for the period of Five Months from the 23rd day of February at 20. 1850.

Nelson Dewey

July 23. 1850

On this day the Governor caused to be issued directed to any Constable or Sheriff within the State of Wisconsin, a warrant for the arrest of Lorenzo Wilkins, charged by an Indictment appended to a Requisition of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of the Crime of Larceny, committed in the County of Warren in said State of Pennsylvania

Nelson Dewey

July. 26. 1850

On this day the Governor caused to be issued, directed to any Constable or Sheriff within the State of Wisconsin, a Warrant for the arrest of Henry G. Speidel, charged by an indictment appended to a Requisition of the Governor of the State of Ohio of the Crime of Larceny, committed in the County of Lucas, State of Ohio,

Nelson Dewey

August 21. 1850

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Kenosha a pardon for William Murphy (convicted that he pretended leaved this State) who was on the 29th day of March convicted of "assault and battery" & sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars and costs of Court & to be committed to the Jail of said County, there to remain until said sentences is complied with

Nelson Dewey

August 10. 1850

On this day it was ordered by the Governor that the date of the interest of the State in the Milwaukee & Rock River Canal, claim and claim forever be postponed until the 25th day of October A.D. 1850

Nelson Dewey

September 3rd 1850

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of Racine County State of Wisconsin an unconditional pardon for Sylvester S. Pennatowitz who was at a Term of the Circuit Court held in the County of Racine on the first Monday of May A.D. 1849 convicted of the crime of attempt to commit a rape and therefore sentenced for three years and ten day imprisonment in the State prison

Nelson Dewey

Also on the same day

The Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee an unconditional pardon for George Bogardus, who was at a Term of the Circuit Court held in the County of Milwaukee on the 4th day of March 1849 convicted of the crime of passing counterfeit money and therefore sentenced to one year imprisonment in the Jail of said County

Nelson Dewey

October 7. 1850

The Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of St Croix a commutation of his sentence of Nathan Robadeau an Indian of the Chippewa nation and Oshogun also an Indian of the Chippewa Nation who were at an July Term of the Circuit Court of the sixth Judicial Circuit of the State of Wisconsin held at the Court house in the town of Hudson in said County sitting on the 29th day of August A.D. 1850 convicted of the crime of murder and sentenced to be executed therefor, said commutation providing that in case the term of said Court shall not be assessed but after certain actual by the Executive.

Nelson Dewey

Court adjourned

On said day the Governor granted and caused to be delivered a Warrant to the Sheriff of the County of Chickasaw an unconditional pardon to George Campbell and Thomas Campbell who were on the 15th day of September 1848 at a Special Court held in said County of Chickasaw convicted of the Crime of larceny and therefore sentenced to imprisonment in the County Jail for the space of three months or pay a fine of ten dollars and costs.

Nelson Dewey

Also on the same day

The Governor granted and caused to be delivered directed to the Sheriff of the County of Marion a Pardon for Abraham Stiles who was on the 20th day of a term of the Circuit Court in & for said County of Marion convicted of the Crime of cattle grand by false pretences, and therefore sentenced to imprisonment in the State Prison for the term of one year and one day from said 20th day of Oct. A.D. 1849.

Nelson Dewey

November 28. 1850

On said day the Governor granted and caused to be delivered directed to the Sheriff of the County of Jones an unconditional Pardon for Orlando Ogden who was on the 9th day of November A.D. 1848 at a term of the Circuit Court of said County of Jones convicted of the Crime of attempt to murder and sentenced to imprisonment in the State Prison for the term of Six years and also the costs of this prosecution.

Also on the same day the Governor granted and caused to be delivered the pardon directed to the Sheriff of the said County of Jones a Conditional Pardon for Steel Dates, who was at a Term of the Circuit Court for said County of Jones held on the first day of November 1849 convicted upon a charge of larceny, and therefore sentenced to imprisonment in the State Prison for the term of two years, more than one year in the prison, which sentence, upon the conditions that he should leave the State and never return, and

and return not until the period of five years from the day of his release from Prison by virtue of said Pardon has transpired.

Nelson Dewey

December 29th 1850

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued, directed to the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee, an unconditional Pardon for Matthew Allaban, who was on the 21st day of March A.D. 1850 at a Session of the Circuit Court for the County of Milwaukee convicted of the Crime of Rape and therefore sentenced to imprisonment in the Jail of said Milwaukee County for the period of one year from the date of said conviction.

Nelson Dewey

December 12. 1850

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued, directed to the Sheriff of the County of Rock, an unconditional Pardon for Thomas N. Dodson, who was at a Term of the Circuit Court for the County of Rock, held on the 29th day of March 1850 convicted of the Crime of Bastardy and therefore sentenced to imprisonment in the State Prison for the Period of one year from the date of his said Conviction.

Nelson Dewey

December 23 1850

On this day the Governor granted a Pardon to the Sheriff of Racine County, an unconditional Pardon for Matthew Geoghegan, who was on the 23d day of October 1849 after Term of the Circuit Court in & for Racine County, convicted of the Crime of Bastardy without first giving bond & therefore sentenced to imprisonment in the said Racine County for the period of two days & "paying office fees of fifty dollars, & giving security to the county, the sentence was complied with"

Nelson Dewey

December 27. 1850

This day the Governor produced
a Requisition upon the
Governor of this State for Indorsement for the arrest
and delivery to Wm. H. Neward & his agents of
this State for this purpose, of Leander Rundle
a fugitive from the justice of this State, who
stands charged by an affidavit thereto
annexed with the crime of stealing,
committed in the County of Rock in this
State on the 11th day of September A.D. 1850
And it is expressly conditioned in said
Requisition, & the certificate of agency ac=
=companying the same that no charge what=
=ever shall accrue to this State for any
services rendered by said Agents, or expenses
incurred in arresting the said fugitive, or
in the transportation of him to this State

Nelson Dewey

January 21. 1851

On this day the Governor caused to be
issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of St Croix in the
State of Wisconsin, a Warrant for the execution of "Orhogai"
an Indian of the Chippewa Nation, commanding that the
said Orhogo, who was at an extra Jury Term of the Circuit
Court of the sixth Judicial Circuit, held at the Court house
in said County of St Croix on the 29th day of August 1850
convicted of the Crime of Murder, be hung by the neck
until he be dead on the 7th day of March A.D. 1851
between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon
and two of the clock in the afternoon of said day

Also on the same day

The Governor caused to be issued
directed to the Sheriff of the County of St Croix in the
State of Wisconsin, a Warrant for the execution of
"Patrick Robadeau" an Indian of the Chippewa Nation
commanding that the said Robadeau, who was at an
extra Jury Term of the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial
Circuit, held at the Court house in said County of St Croix
on the 29th day of August 1850, convicted of the crimes
of Murder, be, on the 7th day of March A.D. 1851 between
the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon, and two
of the clock in the afternoon of said day, hung by
the neck until he be dead.

Nelson Dewey

January 24 1851

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued a Respite to the Sheriff of the County of Dane, in Commutation of the Sentence pronounced by the Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of the State of Wisconsin, against Alexander McCarty, who was on the 8th day of October AD 1849 convicted of the crime of Murder, and at a subsequent Term of said Court, sentenced to be hung by the neck until he was dead, which said sentence is this day commuted by the Governor to imprisonment in the State Prison for and during the natural life of the said Alexander McCarty.

Nelson Dewey

January 28. 1851

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued, directed to the Sheriff of the County of Waukesha an unconditional pardon for William White, who was at a Term of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Washington held on the 30th day of April 1849 convicted of Assault with intent to Kill, and thereupon by the said court sentenced to imprisonment in the State Prison for the period of five years from the 30th day of April 1849. and subsequently transferred to the Jail of Waukesha County for safer security.

Nelson Dewey

January 29. 1851

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued a Requisition directed to his Excellency the Governor of Iowa, demanding that one James McMurtrie, a fugitive from the justice of this State, who was at a Term of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Walworth, State of Wisconsin in the month of October 1850, charged by an Indictment with the Crime of Larceny - be arrested by the authorities of said State of Iowa, and delivered to Michael Thompson the agent appointed by the Governor of this State, to receive and return him to the said County of Walworth, there to be dealt with according to law.

Nelson Dewey

February 14, 1851

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued, directed to the Sheriff of the County of Brown, an unconditional Pardon for Domingue Brunette, who was at a Term of the Circuit Court held in said County of Brown on the 13th day of October 1850, convicted of "Cutting timber on School lands" and thereupon sentenced to pay a fine of three hundred dollars and costs of Court.

Nelson Dewey

February 19. 1851

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued, directed to any Sheriff or Constable of the State of Virginia, a Warrant for the arrest of David V. Brinkly, charged by an Indictment duly authenticated, affirmed to at Requisition made upon the Governor of the State by William F. Johnson, Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, of the crime of "receiving and holding money under false pretences" committed in the State of Pennsylvania. Said Brinkly when arrested, to be delivered to John J. Patterson to be by him conveyed to the State of Pennsylvania, there to be dealt with according to the laws of said State.

Nelson Dewey

February 25. 1851.

On this day the Governor caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of St Croix a Warrant for the forthwith execution of Orlando and Stillwell Robertson two Indians of the Chippewa Nation, until such time as may hereafter be ordered by the Governor of this State; said Indians having heretofore been convicted of the Crime of Murder and sentenced to be hung on the 7th day of March 1851 - escaped from the custody of the Sheriff of said County.

Nelson Dewey

March 13th 1851

On this day the Governor Granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Waukesha an unconditional Pardon for Stevens T. Talbot, who was at a Term of the Circuit Court for the County of Waukesha, held on the 29th day of November 1850 convicted of the Crime of uttering counterfeit money and thereupon sentenced to imprisonment in the County Jail for two years from said 29th day of November 1850.

Nelson Dewey

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March 1st 1851

On this day the Governor granted a pardon to John Hanover in the eighth year of his confinement in the Brown County Jail under sentence of death for the murder of Mr. Hopkins. Hanover was a colored man, and was convicted of murdering Hopkins while in the act of robbing his house, and was sentenced to be hung. which sentence was subsequently commuted to imprisonment in the State Prison for the period of his natural life, and convey[illegible] to the Brown County Jail for safe keeping.

Nelson Dewey

March 21. 1851

On this day the Governor issued a proclamation offering a reward for the arrest and delivery to the Sheriff of Green County State of Wisconsin of Joseph Payne who stands charged by an indictment found at the March term 1850 of the Circuit Court of the said County of Green, with the crime of murder committed upon the body of John Dougherty and Payne having escaped from the custody of the Sheriff of said County.

Nelson Dewey

May 14. 1851.

On this day the Governor entered into a contract under the provisions of law with Morgan L. Martin Esq. of Green Bay State of Wisconsin for the completion of the improvements of the Fox & Wisconsin rivers so as to render those streams navigable to Fort Winnebago - which contract is filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

Nelson Dewey

March 10 1851

On this day the Governor issued a proclamation offering a reward of twenty dollars for the apprehension and delivery to William L. Beckman and John L. Green a fugitive from the justice of the State of New York, who stands charged by an indictment of forgery and fraudulently passing a negotiable paper of the State of New York before the Governor of this State with the crime of forgery.

Nelson Dewey

May 22. 1851.

This day the Governor commuted the sentence passed at the March Term for the County of Rock upon Leander Rundlett, so that said sentence may be executed by confining the prisoner in the County Jail of the County of Iowa for the period of three years the term for which he was sentenced.

Nelson Dewey

May 26. 1851

This day the Governor issued a Proclamation for a Special Election to be held in the several towns in the County of Jefferson for the election of a Register of deeds to fill vacancy caused by the neglect of the Register elect to file his official bond as and in the time prescribed by the statute of this State. Said Proclamation is directed to the sheriff of said Jefferson County.

Nelson Dewey

May 26 1851

This day the Governor Received the Commission of Henry W. Taylor who was on the 17th day of October AD 1850 appointed a Notary Public for this State residing in the County of Walworth.

Nelson Dewey

May 26. 1851

This day the Governor caused a notice be published signed by the Commissioners appointed to locate the State Prison, appointing the 24th day of June 1851 as the day for the meeting of the Board of Commissioners on the location and erection of the State Prison. said meeting to be held at the Capitol in Madison.

Nelson Dewey

On this 22nd day of March A.D. 1851 Mr Brooks Dinwiddie a citizen of the county of Green in this State and an attorney of the circuit court of said county filed in the Executive Office a Complaint under oath preferring charges against Charles S Thomas Sheriff of the said County, charging him, in substance, with negligence in the firing and permitting to escape from his custody as such Sheriff and keeper of the common jail of said county one Joseph Payne, duly committed to his safe keeping & custody as such officer by the said circuit court, and who was indicted by the Grand jury of said County for the crime of Murder, for the murder of John Bougold which indictment was undetermined and still pending against the said Payne, and the said complaint prayed that the said Sheriff might be cited to appear before the Governor of this State to answer to, defend against the said charges and if found to be true upon hearing, that the said Charles S Thomas

might be removed from his said office of Sheriff of the said County under the provision of the constitution and laws of this State in such case provided.

The complaint further stated that at the time of the finding of the said indictment of the presenting of the said complaint, the said Brooks Quinnidie was the attorney general of the State against the said Joseph Payne on the said indictment. That upon the filing of the said complaint the Governor on the 23rd day of March A.D. 1851 appointed thereto a summons directed to the Coroner of the said County commanding him to serve the said complaint upon the said Charles J. Thomas by delivering to him a true copy thereof and also to summon him to appear before the Governor of this State at Lancaster in the County Grant in this State at the Executive office on the seventh day of April A.D. 1851 at 11 of the clock in the forenoon of that day to answer to and defend against the said charges so preferred. That afterwards the said complaint and summons were returned by the Coroner of said County with a return thereon endorsed stating that he had duly served the same as commanded on the 27th day of March A.D. 1851. That afterwards it was stipulated by and between the said Brooks Quinnidie and Charles J. Thomas that the trial and hearing of the said complaint & charges should be had and held at the place aforesaid on the fourth monday in the month of April A.D. 1851 at the office therein the forenoon of said day.

At the time and place last aforesaid the said Brooks Quinnidie and Charles J. Thomas both appeared in person, and thereupon the Governor decided on application of the parties that he should be governed, in the examination of the truth of the said charges and of the defence thereto, by legal evidence to be introduced first on the part of the support of the complaint, second on the part of the defence, agreeably to a close of the examination.

Thereupon the said Charles J. Thomas moved to dismiss the charges against him for the following reasons.

1st That a mere private individual cannot prefer charges of this kind in such a proceeding and convene the prosecution of the same without the intervention of the law officers of the State, viz. the District attorney of the county, for which the person against whom the charges are made, is an officer, or the Attorney General of the State.

2nd Admitting that the charges can be preferred & could be by an individual legally, in either case, the Governor has not jurisdiction of the subject matter & under the constitution has not the power to try nor determine upon the merits of the charge & determine the same without further legislation to give the provisions of the constitution under which these charges are preferred an effective effect it being dormant until it is brought into life by legislation.

3rd That the Governor has no legal authority to administer a judicial or legal oath to a civil matter in such a proceeding, nor is he authorized by any law to call in the aid of any other officer to that purpose and no legal evidence from witnesses can be taken upon or given in such an examination

This decision of this motion was reserved for consideration by the Governor and thereupon the said Charles Thomas pleaded not guilty to the said charges filed his written plea in the cause and the trial and examination proceeded to a close. The Governor called into his aid the Clerk of the Circuit Court to administer oaths during the trial and all the witnesses examined on the said trial were sworn by such Clerk to speak the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth touching the subject matter of the examination.

The Governor after hearing the arguments of counsel as well of the said Complainant as of the said Charles S. Thomas took time to consider of the said motion for dismissal of the said charges & defense upon evidence presented and being sufficiently advised of and concerning the order decision and determination to be rendered herein, On this 16th day of July in the 1851 the Governor overrules the two first reasons given in the said motion of the said Charles S. Thomas to dismiss the charges herein preferred and does decide and determine as follows thereon.

That a private citizen, under the fourth section of the bill of rights of the Constitution, and the laws of this State, can prefer & file charges against any officer in that section mentioned, before the Governor, and can carry on the prosecution to a final determination without the aid or assistance of the law officers of the State, to wit the District Attorney of the proper County or Attorney General; and further that under the Constitution and existing laws the Governor, has jurisdiction of the subject of such charges and has the power to hear, examine into the truth of such charges & the defense and to decide and determine the same upon legal evidence & proofs, without additional legislation beyond the provision of the Constitution under which such charges are made.

And the Governor sustains the third and last reason given in said motion of the said Thomas to dismiss the charges herein preferred and does decide and determine as follows.

That the Governor has power to administer an oath to elicit truth in proceedings of this nature but that he has no authority to administer a judicial oath or such an oath as would subject the witness if he should testify falsely corruptly so to the penalties of perjury as a crime, and that he has power to call into his aid any other officer authorized generally to administer oaths, for that purpose, but that such oath so administered would not subject the witness, if he should testify corruptly false, to the penalties of the crime of perjury. And the Governor further decides that legislation is necessary to enable a legal judicial oath to be administered before him, or to be used before him when approved as the form of an affidavit, in such a proceeding, so that a witness swearing corruptly false to a material fact in such a proceeding, would be subjected to the pains & penalties of the crime of perjury, and so to constitute legal judicial Evidence the evidence taken before him in such cases.

And the Governor therefore decides and determines that for the reason that the testimony of witnesses cannot be taken before him so as to constitute legal judicial evidence in such cases, and as a contest in this the first case of this kind should be established as a precedent that the rights of the public as well as individual officers may be fully protected, the Charges herein preferred against Charles S. Thomas the Sheriff of the

County of Green in this State be and the same is hereby dismissed without prejudice.

Nelson Dewey

May 31st 1857.

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee an unconditional pardon for Marquette Brown who was at a session of a Police Court held on the 31st day of March AD 1857 at the City of Milwaukee by Clinton Walworth Esq., convicted of the crime of larceny and thereupon sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail for three months. from the date of said conviction

Nelson Dewey

June 4th 1857.

On this day the Governor caused to be issued a Requisition upon the Governor of the State of Texas for the arrest and delivery to Jacob C. Lemanpi agent appointed for that purpose of one Orlando A. Sterling who stands charged by an indictment found in the Circuit Court of the County of Washington in this State with the crime of larceny and who has fled from the justice of this State and taken refuge in the State of New York.

Nelson Dewey

July 1st 1857

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff or any Constable in this State a Warrant for the arrest of Stephen B. Fox with stand charged by an indictment found in the Court of Oyer and Terminer held in the County of Schoharie in the State of New York with the crime of embezzlement, and has fled from the justice of said State and is supposed to have ... refuge in this State.

Nelson Dewey

July 2d 1857

On this day the Governor caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Lincoln in this State, a Warrant for the Execution of John McCafferty who was at a term of the Circuit Court of said County held on the 5th day of May AD 1857 convicted of the crime of Murder and sentenced to hang by the neck until he be dead.

Nelson Dewey

July 3rd 1857

On this day the Governor granted and caused the issued directed to any Sheriff or Constable in this State, a Warrant for the arrest of one John Brown, found guilty by an indictment in the Court of Oyer and Ter. of New York of the crime of obtaining goods by false pretences, and his demand a Luther Wright the accredited agent of the State of New York.

Nelson Dewey

July 16th 1851

On this day the Governor approved the Bonds of Charles A Wakeley & his sureties for printing the laws of the State and the Journals of the Legislature for 1852 & also for printing for the State Departments for 1852

Nelson Dewey

also on the same day

The Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of Waukesha County a Pardon for John Latimer which is to take effect on the 10th day of August next – said Latimer having been convicted at a Term of the Circuit Court of Waukesha County, held on the 15th day of March A.D. 1851 of the Crime of Larceny whereupon sentenced to imprisonment in the County Jail of said County for the period of five months – and it is conditioned and provided in said Pardon that he immediately leaves the State, and returns to his friends in the State of Pennsylvania.

Nelson Dewey

also on the same day

The Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of Waukesha County an unconditional Pardon for Samuel Beer, which was on the 15th day of March A.D. 1851 at a Term of the Circuit Court of the County of Waukesha convicted of the crime of Larceny and thereupon sentenced to imprisonment in the jail of said County, for the period of five months – said Pardon to take effect from and after the 10th day of August next.

Nelson Dewey

April 25. 1851

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to any Sheriff or Constable of this State a Warrant for the arrest and delivery to Noah D. Snow (appointed by the Governor of the State for that purpose) of Horatio N. Waterhouse and Marshall Waterhouse who were charged by an indictment found at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held in the County of Chatauque State of New York with the crime of Larceny and have escaped from the justice of that State and are supposed to have taken refuge in the State of Wisconsin

Nelson Dewey

July 30. 1857

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to any Sheriff or Constable in this State a warrant for the arrest and delivery to Lewis Moulton who has been appointed by the Governor of the State of Illinois for that purpose, of one Christopher Johnson charged by an indictment found by the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court held in the County of Lake with the crime of embezzlement

Nelson Dewey

4th August 1857

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to any Sheriff or Constable in this State a Warrant for the arrest and delivery to George Niven and Ralph Wallinson, who have been appointed by the Governor of the State of New York for that purpose, of Earl Starberg, Engelbert Ingberg, Daniel Sator and Michael Fisher fugitives from the justice of said State, who stand charged by an indictment found in the County of New York with the crime of Grand Larceny.

Nelson Dewey

August 8. 1857

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to any Sheriff or Constable in this State, a Warrant for the arrest and delivery to Noah F. Simmons the accredited agent for that purpose of one John H. Jones who stands charged by an indictment found in the County of Chautauque and State of New York with the crime of Forgery—

Nelson Dewey

September 13. 1857

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Columbia an unconditional Pardon for William Nennington convicted 10th Sept 1857 of Petit Larceny and sentenced to pay a fine of $10 and one months imprisonment in the County Jail

Nelson Dewey

August 30. 1857

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Milwaukee an unconditional Pardon for Augustus C Lawrence, whom was convicted of keeping a house of ill fame and sentenced on the 3.° day of March A.D 1857 to six months imprisonment in the County Jail

Nelson Dewey

September 29th 1857

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the sheriff of the County of Waukesha an unconditional Pardon for David Miller convicted before E. M. Randall Esquire Justice of the peace, on the 1st day of September AD 1857 of selling liquor without first obtaining a license

Nelson Dewey

October 11. 1857

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to any sheriff or constable in this state a Warrant for the arrest and delivery to Richard Taylor, the accredited agent for that purpose, of one John M. Bachelor a fugitive from the Justice of the State of Illinois charged with the crime of swindling committed in said State.

Nelson Dewey

October 14. 1857

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Grant an unconditional Pardon for Elisphalet Kirn convicted at a Term of the Circuit Court held in the County of Grant of the crime of Manslaughter, and sentenced to one years imprisonment in the jail of said County

Nelson Dewey

November 27, 1857

On this day the Governor granted and caused to be issued directed to any Sheriff or constable in this State a warrant for the arrest and delivery to Henry D. Evans the accredited agent, of one Oliver Gilbert a fugitive from the justice of the State of Iowa charged with the Larceny, committed in said State

Nelson Dewey

November 6. 1857

On this day the Governor granted caused to be issued, directed to the Sheriff, of Milwaukee County, an unconditional pardon for Jordan Conrad and Polly Conrad, who were at a Term of the Circuit Court of said County held in the Month of March 1850 convicted of the crime of Manslaughter in the 3rd degree sentenced to two years imprisonment in the State Prison from the 8th day of March 1850

Nelson Dewey

June 3rd 1857

This day the Governor, under the act of the Legislature of its last session relating to the selection of the Swamp & overflowed lands granted by Congress to this State, and the instructions of the General Government prescribing the manner of their selection, determined that the selection of such lands to granted should be made by the Surveyor General of Wisconsin and Iowa upon the data of the field notes of the surveys on file in that office.

The principal reasons dictating this decision by the Executive were briefly as follows.

The instructions of the General Government now on file determining the basis of such selections and the decision of the Surveyor General of Wisconsin and Iowa under those instructions, presented two basises as furnishing the data upon which the lands granted by the act of Congress referred to, must be selected, one of which was the field notes of the surveys on file in the office of the Surveyor General, and the other was satisfactory evidence to be furnished by the State authorities to the Surveyor General that any lands are of the character embraced by the grant; and such instructions and decision determined that the State Authorities must adopt one or the other of these two basises as furnishing the data upon which the lands so granted were to be selected and could not rely upon both combined.

Upon a personal interview and consultation between the Governor and the present & former Surveyor Generals and several of their deputy Surveyors it was the opinion of these officers that the State would obtain a larger quantity of land under this grant by adopting the first named basis as furnishing the data of the selection of the Swamp & overflowed lands in the State. Under the first basis the selections would be made by the Surveyor General & descriptive lists of such lands furnished by the General Government without, or free of, expense to the State.

Under the second basis as furnishing the data of such selections it would have been necessary for the State to have established a regular Surveyor's department for the time being and to have had a large surveying corps in the field to have made the selections within any reasonable time, and under the system of employing such corps, as provided by the act of the Legislature relating to swamp lands, to make such ~~lands~~ selections by the State, this duty could not, or at least would not, have been accomplished at an expense less than, in the opinion of the Surveyor General & the Governor, of from twenty five thousand to one hundred thousand dollars, probably approximating more the latter sum than the first. The quantity of Swamp land in the present surveyed portion of the State is supposed and estimated to be from one million to one and a half millions of acres and by the second basis of selecting it, according to the mode of compensation established by the act of the Legislature referred to, the cost of selecting surveying these lands by the State would have cost more

than the original cost of survey by the General Government.

At any rate it was clear and evident to the Governor that any additional quantity of land that might be obtained by adopting the second basis of selection above named, instead of the first basis would not in value cover or equal the cost and expense of the selections being made according to it which expense would be saved by adopting the first basis.

The Governor therefore came to the determination herein before recorded, believing that this decision was dictated for the best interests of the State and is sustained by sound policy and economy.

This day the Governor entered into a contract, with the assent of the Surveyor General, with James A Reed Esq. the second clerk in rank of that office to furnish for the State official certified copies of the plats of survey of all the surveyed townships in this State at the sum of one dollar and seventy five cents for each township. This contract was entered was entered into in pursuance of the fourth section of the act of the Legislature referred to approved March 15th 1851 entitled "An act relating to Swamp lands."

Nelson Dewey

July 16th 1851

On this day the Governor, in pursuance of the provisions of an act of the Legislature approved March 1851 entitled "An act to provide for the superintendance of the State "Library, for the purchase of books for the same and for other purpo "ses" appointed and commissioned William R Biddlecome Esquire the agent of this State to make the purchase of the books contemplated to be purchased by the said act with the following instructions & commission, to wit

"Know all men by these presents that I Nelson Dewey Governor of the State of Wisconsin do hereby, by virtue of the power vested by law in the Governor of this State, appoint authorize and empower William R. Biddlecome of this State to purchase for, in behalf of, and in the name of the State of Wisconsin and for the library of this State, law books not to exceed in a total of cost, five thousand and five hundred Dollars less the cost of purchasing, transportation of the same from the place of purchase to Madison in this State and insurance of the same, a schedule of which books to be purchased is hereto annexed & the same to be purchased in the order in which they appear in said schedule, preference being given to the first books mentioned therein and so on through the schedule, and in case the books so named shall not in the aggregate amount of their purchase money equal the total amount of the sum as above limited devoted to the purchase of such books, then the said Biddlecome may, purchase such additional law books over & above the books delineated to be purchased, as in the opinion of said Biddlecome will be most

suitable and well fed subserve the interests and wants of the Mil. Lines and will make safe the aggregate of books purchased & the sum appropriated for this object as above limited.

In the purchase of said books the Mr. Paddleford will observe the following instructions as near as maybe.

1st He will purchase said books on a credit of six months if he will secure the principal law books called of the principal Eastern Cities, and if copy of the law books to be purchased and get their lowest prices, or in some other way ascertain where the books can be purchased the cheapest before purchasing and then purchase the purchases where the books can be had at the lowest prices

3rd He will get the books marked at cost & 10 per centum and have them shipped to the care of Sweet & Wheeler Commission Merchants at Milwaukee

4th He will have them well and securely packed & marked so as to be kept dry.

5th He will report after placement of this duties to the Governor of this State as soon as possible after his duties shall be completed

6th He will use the utmost economy & judgment in making the purchases so that a judicious expenditure of the appropriation may be made

Giving to the said Paddleford full power and authority to do & perform all things necessary to carry out the object of these presents & the [illegible] [illegible] hereto [illegible] [illegible] that the same [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the said State of [illegible]

Nelson Dewey

October 20th 1851

On this day the Governor appointed George P Delaplaine Esq. the Special agent of the State to go to the city of Washington for the purpose of settling, adjusting and obtaining payment of the Government of the United States the claim of this State, as successor to the rights of the late Territory of Wisconsin for scrip & Territorial bonds issued by said Territory for the payment of Legislative expenses and paid out of the Territorial and State Treasurys and which should have been paid and discharged by the Government of the United States and is a just claim of the State against the United States, giving said Delaplaine full power and authority to do and perform all things in behalf of this State necessary and proper to accomplish the object of his mission.

The Governor also appointed said Delaplaine the Special agent of this State to purchase in the City of New York or elsewhere a supply of stationery for the use of the Legislature & the several State Departments &

the Supreme Court for the year 1852.

Nelson Dewey
C. J.

November 7th 1851

On this day the Governor appointed William W. Brown of the City of Milwaukie the Special agent of this State to apply to the proper Department of the United States at Washington City, and endeavour to prevent that portion of the grant of land made by Congress in June 1838 to the late Territory of Wisconsin, to aid in the construction of a canal from Lake Michigan to Rock River which was sold by said Territory prior to the admission of this State into the Union from being charged to or deducted from the grant made by Congress to this State of 500,000 acres of land under the act of 1841. And said Brown is directed to insist that the said portion of the first named grant so sold by the said Territory cannot be legally & properly chargeable against this State as a part of the said 500,000 acre grant as by the resolutions appended to the Constitution of this State and adopted by Congress in the act of admission of this State it is declared that only that portion of the said first named grant remaining unsold at such admission should constitute a part of the 500,000 acre grant which
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part so unsold was 13,104.$\frac{18}{100}$ acres of land and said agent will further endeavour to procure the proper department of the Government to issue directions and authority to this State to select and locate the residue of the grant of 500,000 acres of land not heretofore selected & approved & also to procure the approval of such lands as have been selected for and on account of said Grant & not approved by the Government. And the said Agent will urge such reasons & arguments founded in justice as will insure the accomplishment of the desired object.

And it was agreed between the Governor & the said Agent Wm. Brown that if he was unsuccessful in the accomplishment of the object of his agency that he was to receive no compensation for his services, and that if he was successful in the object of his agency, the Governor will endeavour & use his exertions to have transferred to the said Brown the interest of the State in Milwaukie & Rock River Company of the water power created by the said Company be ~~the~~ such interest more or less ~~and~~ and such transfer to be without any recourse back upon the State whatever, which is to be in full compensation for said Brown's services in accomplishing the object of his agency & in case of said Brown's success in accomplishing the object of this agency then it is further agreed by him that upon the transfer of the interest of the State offered to be will pay ~~up~~ or cause to be paid to the State without fail at the time of such transfer the balance due from David Merrill late owner of the Milwaukie & Rock River Canal which he owed on the sale of the lands belonging to the said canal grant

and which balance amounts to the sum of $8563,98/100 on the 26th day of June in the year 1850 & has not been paid to the said Trustees of this State by him. And in case the said Brown shall be so successful & such transfer of said interest of this State shall fail to be made by this State as aforesaid then said Brown is to receive for his services such reasonable compensation in money as may be agreed upon by him & the Governor.

Nelson Dewey

October 23rd 1857

On this day the Governor in pursuance of the provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide for disposing of the interest of the State in the Milwaukie and Rock River Canal Company, and in the Canal and hydraulic power erected on Milwaukie River" approved February 6th 1856, sold at public auction at the Court House in the City of Milwaukie according to previous notice given as provided by said act, the interest of the State referred to in said act, at which sale Francis J Drum bid the sum of Seven thousand five hundred dollars in Cash & Cotton the sum of eight thousand dollars payable in one year with Seven per centum per annum interest with approved security, and thereafter the said Drum refusing to comply & fulfill his bid the Governor accepted of the bid of the said Cotton with which bid the said Cotton has hitherto neglected to comply.

Dated December 2nd 1857

Nelson Dewey

May 26th 1857

On this day the Governor appointed Arthur W Worth, John Taylor & James B Martin commissioners to locate the State Prison & styled "State Prison Commissioners". The act of the Legislature being a general law did not take effect until twenty days after its approval which was on the 14th of March 1857, the "State Prison Commissioners could not be appointed within the time limited by the first section of the act which was on or before the first day of April 1857.

Nelson Dewey

May 30th 1857

James B Martin appointed one of the State Prison Prison Commissioners having refused to accept such appointment the Governor appointed and commissioned in his stead John Bullen of Rock County.

Nelson Dewey

June 26th 1850

On this day the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer settled and audited the accounts of David Merrill late receiver of land lands in pursuance of the provisions of of an act of the Legislature Entitled "an act to authorize a settlement with the Receiver of land Lands" approved February 8th 1850 and upon such settlement and auditing there was found due to the State from the said David Merrill on this day the sum of eight thousand five hundred sixty three dollars ninety eight cents ($8563.98) and thereupon the said Merrill delivered over to the said Officers all books, papers, vouchers, bonds & mortgages in his hands as such receiver, but did not pay such balance so found to be due, the same being due from him as such receiver. This settlement not to compromise ~~any~~ rights of said Merrill to withhold the payment of ~~such balance~~ on the ground that the State of Wisconsin is not entitled to receive the sum as the successor of the rights of the late Territory of Wisconsin as he contends and claims.

Nelson Dewey

December 30th 1851

On this day the Governor audited and allowed the account of Mortimer S Gayles Sheriff of the County of Dodge for services and expenses paid by himself and assistants for executing a requisition made by the Governor of this State on the Governor of the State of Iowa in the arrest of William S Dunl who had taken refuge in the State of Iowa as a fugitive from the justice of this State, he having been convicted of the crime of Rape on his daughter in the circuit court of the said County of Dodge and sentenced to seven years imprisonment in the State prison in this State and who escaped from the custody of the said Sheriff, and upon such auditing the Governor audited and allowed the such account of the said Sheriff at the sum of one hundred seventy one dollars seventy five cents in full of such services and expenses, disallowing on said account as rendered the sum of forty four dollars seventy three cents.

Nelson Dewey

December 29th 1851

On this day William R Biddlecome the agent of the State appointed to purchase law books for the State library under the act of the last session of the Legislature on that subject presented his report of his doings in making such purchases of such books which is filed and also his account for services & expenses as such agent

in making such purchases at the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars which was audited and allowed at that sum.

Nelson Dewey

April 1st 1857

On this day the Governor, Secretary of State, and State Superintendant ex officio Trustees of the State Library established the Salary of the State Librarian at the sum of Six hundred dollars per annum. and the said Trustees also established the following rules and regulations relating to the State Library as provided by law.

Rules and Regulations of the Library of the State of Wisconsin

Laws of the State. Act of March 1857

Section 1. The Governor, Secretary of State, and Superintendant of Public instruction, shall be ex Officio Trustees of the State Library.

Section 2. The said trustees shall have full power to make and carry into effect such rules and regulations for the Superintendance and care of the books, maps, charts, papers and furniture contained in the State Library, and the arrangement and safe keeping of the same as they may deem proper.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the trustees to provide in their rules and regulations that any member of the Legislature during the session thereof, or any member or attorney of the Supreme court during the session of the same, shall be permitted, under proper restrictions penalties and forfitures, to take to his rooms any book belonging to the said library, excepting such as the Trustees shall deem ~~[illegible]~~ proper to permit to be removed, but no member of the Legislature shall be allowed to take more than five books at one time, nor to retain the same for a longer time than five days.

Section 4. The State Library shall be kept open every day during the sessions of the Supreme Court, and of the Legislature, and during such days as the trustees or Governor shall direct, except Sundays, and during such hours as shall be directed by the Trustees. The State Librarian shall perform such duties as are, or shall be prescribed by law, by the rules and regulations of the Trustees, and by the Governor; and the penalty of his official bond shall be ten thousand Dollars.

Section 5. (part of) He (the Librarian) shall give his personal attendance upon the Library during the hours it shall be directed to be kept open, and shall perform such of the duties as may be imposed by law, and shall be prescribed by the rules and regulations of the Trustees. He may appoint an assistant by the approval and consent of the Governor, but such appointment shall not excuse him from personal attendance at the library unless from necessity, and then but for such time as the Governor may limit.

Section 10. The Librarian shall make report [to the Governor] five days before the adjournment of every session of the Legislature, of the number of books that have been taken out of the Library by the members, giving the names of all members that have any books at the date of such report with the name and number of such book.

Section 11 - All fines penalties and forfitures imposed by the rules and regulations of the trustees of the Library, for any violation of such rules and regulations, may be recovered in an action of debt, or other proper action, before any Court of Competent jurisdiction; And all such fines penalties forfitures and recoveries shall be applied to the use of the Library, under the direction of the trustees.

Rules and Regulations of the Trustees in addition to the foregoing which is made a part of the rules and regulations of the State Library

I. During the Session of the Legislature, or of the Senate Only, and during the Setting of the Supreme Court, in the Capitol the library Shall be open from the hour of nine in the morning, until the hour of nine in the evening, and all other days (Sundays excepted) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

II. It shall be the duty of the librarian and assistant librarian to keep the library rooms clean and in good order carefully to preserve the books maps charts engravings medals and furniture; and to suffer none of them to be taken out of the library, unless as expressly authorized by these regulations and by law. The librarian will be held accountable for the full value of every book that is missing, and for every injury, which a book map or chart may receive while he is in office, except such as may be sustained by ordinary use; and he will be relieved from such accountability only by showing that some other person is responsible for such book or injury, without any fault of the Librarian. Whenever the Library is open, he shall attend the same, and shall on no account suffer any volume to be taken from the library room, without first entering in a book to be provided to be provided by him, the name of the person taking the same and the title of the volume. For every instance of a violation of this rule the Librarian shall forfit one dollar, to be deducted from his salary.

III. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to preserve order and to prevent smoking in the library rooms. He shall also, exclude, if necessary, any disorderly person.

No talking, that the Librarian shall deem incompatible with quiet reading or copying, shall be permitted.

Visitors are also requested not to sit themselves near the book shelves.

IV. Any member of the Legislature, during its session, or during the sitting of the Senate only, may take to his boarding house or private room, any book belonging to the library, other than those hereinafter particularly specified, under the restrictions, penalties and forfeitures following:

1. No book can be be taken out, until its delivery has been entered by the Librarian.

2. No more than five books can be taken out at a time.

3 No book can be detained more than five days, but the borrower may, after returning it, again take it out, unless some other member of the Legislature has in the meantime made application for it; in which case such applicant shall have the preference in the use of the said book; and when there are several applicants, the preference shall be according to the priority of their application

4. A fine of twenty five cents shall be imposed for every days detention beyond the time above specified, and collected by the Librarian.

5. If a book is lost or destroyed, or so much injured that the whole of it cannot be used, the borrower shall be charged the full value of the volume, and one third of such value in addition; and if it belongs to a set of volumes, he shall be charged the value of the whole set, and one third of such value in addition.

6. For any injury to a book subsequent to its being taken out, and previous to its return, a fine shall be imposed on the borrower equal to its injury, to be determined by the librarian, with the addition of thirty three percent.

7 Whenever a fine shall be imposed, or any charge made against the borrower of a book he shall be immediately notified thereof by the librarian. An appeal from such a fine or charge may be made to the Library Trustees.

V No map, chart, print, engraving or medal, or books of maps charts, prints or engravings, can be taken out of the Library room nor the following books: Lexicons, Dictionaries, or Cyclopedias; Niles Register, or any files of Newspapers; Wilson's Ornithology; Audubon's Birds of America, or his Ornithological Biography; the Albany Cosmopolite; Wilkes Exploring Expedition; Audubon's Quadrupeds; together with such other works as may from time to time be specified according to a signed list made by the Governor or Trustees to be left with the librarian; Except that during the session of the Legislature, or Supreme Court any member thereof may take home upon the order of any lexicon Dictionary or Cyclopedia, Niles Register or any files of Newspapers to be returned

on the same day.

VI. The trustees hereby declare, agreeably to the provisions of the act of March 1851, that the Law Library in its most extensive sense, comprehends such books as should be always kept in it; but during the session of the Legislature, of the Senate, and of any court held in the Capitol, law books may be taken from the library, to any room in the Capitol, to be returned on the same day. The Librarian shall previously charge each person so taking with the book or books; and a fine of fifty cents shall be imposed for each day's detention beyond the above time.

The regulations above ordained, as to loss, injury or damage of books shall apply in the present case or any other case of books or other library property taken from the library.

VII. Three days previous to the day fixed for the adjournment of any session of the legislature, of the Supreme Court or of the Senate, the Librarian shall immediately address a note to each member of the Legislature, or of the Court or of the bar, having any book belonging to the Library, requesting the return thereof within twenty four hours.

VIII. On the expiration of the said twenty four hours the Librarian shall immediately make out a list of the members of each house of the Legislature, or of the court or of the bar, who have omitted to return any books belonging to the library, specifying the volumes claimed by each, and a list of those upon whom any fines have been imposed, remaining unpaid, or against whom any charges for the loss of books exist, stating such fines or charges, which list shall be alphabetically arranged according to the names of the respective members and shall be certified to be correct, and shall be delivered to the Governor.

IX. Twenty days before the opening of any annual session of the Legislature, the Librarian shall report in writing to the trustees, the title of every book map, chart print or engraving missing from the library since the catalogue of the previous year was made out, or if no such catalogue has been made since the date of said Librarians last annual report to the trustees; together with the name or names of the persons who appear from the entries of the Librarian, to have borrowed or detained the same, with the dates when [illegible] may be submitted to the Legislature by the Trustees.

X. These regulations shall be conspicuously posted and hung in frames in the Library and in the other rooms of the capitol as the trustees may direct.

By order of the trustees of the State Library
By the Governor

Melvin Duell
Secretary
Secy of State.

E. Root State Sup.

December 31st 1857

On this day the Governor, ordered that all the prisoners in the several County jails of this State who are confined therein under sentence, of the proper Court, to punishment in the State prison, be transported and delivered to the Custody of the keepers and wardens of the State prison at Sanford in the County of Dodge in this State, who are also commanded to receive into the said State prison and safely keep the bodies persons of all such prisoners so sentenced & delivered to them, according to law and the discipline established for the government of such prison, the State prison Commissioners of this State having reported on the 30th instant to the Governor under date of the 25th instant that the temporary State prison authorized to be continued under the act of March 1857. is vacated and in readiness for the reception of such prisoners as contemplated and provided by the said act. And thereupon the Governor issued his warrant and orders to the Sheriffs of the several Counties of this State as directed by said act to carry out this order.

Nelson Dewey

December 31. 1857.

On this day George P Delaplaine appointed Special agent of this State to go to the City of Washington and present to the Treasury Department of the United States the Claim of this State, as successor to the rights of the late Territory of Wisconsin, against the United States, for arrearage Scrip & bonds due from the United States, and to adjust and procure the payment of the same, and also appointed Special agent of this State to purchase Stationery in the City of New York for the use of the Legislature, State Offices and the Supreme Court & its clerks office, presented to the Governor his account of expenses & services for performing and accomplishing the objects of his said appointments which was audited this day by the Governor, & allowed at the sum of Eight hundred and Ninety dollars and thereupon paid by the Governor out of the proceeds of the amount received, on said Claim, from the United States Treasury Department, Said Delaplaine's compensation for said services and expenses depending entirely upon the contingency of his obtaining a settlement of the said claim and its payment by the United States in which he was successful. He was not to receive any compensation for such expenses & services from this State in the event of his not accomplishing the object of his agency.

Nelson Dewey

January 1st 1852

On this day the Governor granted an unconditional pardon to Patrick Regan convicted at the October Term of the Circuit Court of Dane County on the 17th day of said October of the Crime of Burglary and sentenced to one years imprisonment in the State prison of this State, and thereupon caused a warrant for his discharge to be issued directed to the Sheriff of the County of Dane.

Nelson Dewey

January 3rd 1852

On the application of the State Prison Commissioners It is ordered by the Governor that twenty muskets bayonets & other necessary equipments be delivered to the said State Prison commissioners for their use as such officers to be, by them, deposited and in the State Prison among of this State at Waupun for the use of the Officers of said prison to be by them kept in good order & condition, to be used in guarding the said prison & the inmates thereof, which muskets, bayonets & other necessary equipments that may be so delivered in pursuance of this order, shall at all times be subject to the orders and disposal of the Governor of this State, ex officio.

Nelson Dewey

January 5th 1852.

On this day Leonard J Farwell Governor elect of this State, appeared at the Executive Office of this State and filed his oath of Office as such Governor in this office as required by the Constitution of this State and thereupon Governor Nelson Dewey surrendered to Governor Leonard J Farwell the Executive Department of the State of Wisconsin and thereupon Governor Leonard J Farwell entered upon the discharge of the duties of the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and accepted of that office.

Nelson Dewey

Leonard J. Farwell